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March 30, 2004
Sir:
Transmitted herewith for filing is the [x] Utility [ ] Design [x] nonprovisional [ ] provisional patent application of:
Inventor / Application Identifier: Yuichi ITOU, et al.
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[]	This is a new patent application.
[X]	This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application.
[]	This is a provisional patent application.
[]	This is a: [ ] Continuation Application
	[ ] Divisional Application
	[ ] Continuation-in-Part Application
	of prior Application Serial No
	[ ] Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
	[ ] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a [ ] Continuation, [ ] Divisional, [ ] Continuation-in-part, of Application
the	Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying lication and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

х	12	2 Sheets of drawings ([x] formal [ ] informal size A4 ).						
х	20 Pages of specification including abstract and claims.							
Х	32	Total pages.						
	Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney							
		Newly executed						
		Copy from prior application						
		Inventors deleted; see attached statement						
	Sequence Listing							
		Computer Readable Copy						
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	Assignment is of record in prior application Serial No
	Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
х	Information Disclosure Statement
Х	Information Disclosure Citation
	MPEP § 2001.06(b) states that in a Continuation application, a Divisional application, or a Continuation-in-Part application, "the examiner will consider the prior art cited in the earlier application" and indicate in the first Office Action whether the prior art in the related earlier application has been reviewed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the examiner consider the art cited in the parent of this instant application and indicate in the first Office Action that such prior art has been considered.
Х	English translation
Х	Application Data Sheet

PRIC	DRITY CLAIMS
	Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provision of 35 USC 119.
	Applicant hereby claims the benefit under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of the filing dates of the following applications as indicated below and which priority applications are hereby incorporated by reference in the present application:  of which certified copies thereof
	will follow
	are enclosed
	have been filed in the International Bureau
	were filed in prior application:

CLAIMS FILED AND FILING FEE C	ALCULAI	ION		Rate	Applied
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[] Basic Fee Utility				\$300	
[ ] Search Fee Utility				\$500	
[] Exam. Fee Utility				\$200	
[] Sheet Fee Utility	Ea. Add'l 50 pgs. over 100 pgs.			\$250	
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[X] Basic Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage	_		\$300	\$300	
[X] Search Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage	37 CFR 1.492(b)(3)		\$400	\$400	
[X] Exam. Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage	37 CFR 1.492(c)(2)		\$200	\$200	
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Claim Fees	Number Filed	Base Number	Number Extra over Base		
Total Claims	4	20	0	\$50	\$0
Independent Claims	1	3	0	\$200	\$0
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee	_			\$360	\$360
[X] Small Entity Status is Asserted	Deduct 50% of above fees				(\$630)
[ ] Basic Fee Utility - e-filed and Small Entity				\$75	
] Non-English Specification —					\$0
TOTAL FILING FEE		\$630			

- [X] Payment of all fees, including the total filing fee in the amount of \$630 is by credit card. A form PTO-2038 is attached.
- [X] Please charge to Deposit Account No. 10-1250 any further fees due for filing or during prosecution of this application under: 37 CFR 1.16; 37 CFR 1.17; and 37 CFR 1.492.
- [X] English translation of specification, claims, and abstract of the International Application.
- [X] Copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).
- [X] Copy of the cover page International Publication (WO 2005/103512).

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